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**THIS U. S. MARINE HELICOPTER WAS DOWNED** not in Viet Nam, but in El Toro and not because of gun-fire but because of engine failure. The CH53A copter went down near the Marine base on Wednesday. The pilot of the craft was Captain Dennis Churchin of Mission Viejo; no members of the six man crew were injured. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO.

## Copter With MV Marine And Crew Crashes Near El Toro

By Dan Wooldridge

A Mission Viejo Marine and five crew members narrowly escaped injury when their CH53A Sea Stallion helicopter crashed near the El Toro Marine Base.

Captain Dennis Churchin, age 27, of 24072 Castilla Lane, Mission Viejo was the pilot of the ill-fated copter.

The two engined Sikorsky helicopter lost an engine within minutes after leaving Building 6 at El Toro.

The copter was attached to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462, Santa Ana Air Facility, prior to the crash on Wednesday morning in an Irvine Com-

pany corn field.

Helicopters of the CH53A class are the largest marine copters used and are capable of carrying cargo or 37 combat-ready troops.

The six Marines were all able to walk away from the crash which occurred within a few hundred yards of a number of officers homes on the base.

## Roper Resigns At Saddleback; Bremer Possible Successor

By Dan Wooldridge  
News Editor

"It is with regret and long thought that I must decline the new three-year contract offered me by you, the Saddleback College Board of Trustees."

Jack S. Roper, Superintendent and President of Saddleback College, with those words declined his new three-year contract which called for \$25,000 annually.

Roper's announcement was made just prior to midnight during an executive session of the Trustees on Monday, June 24. Joining

absence from his former post as a deputy county schools superintendent.

Citing the Board of Trus-

tees refusal over "certain key recommendations" made by the 36 year old

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## SJC Interim Campus Appears Overnight

A huge crane lifted steel structures onto cement forms in the sloping hills of Mission Viejo on June 20 and Saddleback College interim campus began to take on an appearance of a college campus.

The first eight modules of 110 modules to form the 13 campus buildings were placed in the eastern edge of a staked 15-acre site.

It was the first step to convert the bare land into a community college campus that will open its doors September 23. The steel shell structures will be completed in 21 working days, according to the "instant college" time schedule, said Jack S. Roper, superintendent of the college district. "It's hard to believe now, as you look out over the graded field, that a college campus, with 13 buildings, landscaping and a 600-space paved parking lot, will be in operation in September", the superintendent said.

Although the steel struc-

tures for the campus will be erected by July 26, according to the time table the project will not be complete until August 30. Work to be completed after July 26 includes plumbing, interior petitions, ceilings, electrical work, door and window frames, air conditioning, wall furnishings and flooring. Outside work will include site development, sprinkler system, landscaping, fine grading, paving for the parking area and fencing.

The 13 buildings will include 17 classrooms, a library, student center, book store, staff offices, administration building and physical education facility.

## Crusade Approache 1968 Goal

Mrs. George Dicks, Mission Viejo city chairman for the 1968 American Cancer Society Crusade, is appealing to all residents to help bring the 1968 Cancer Crusade to the Crusade kit.

"In the closing days of the Cancer Crusade there are still kits which have not been rounded up. We need every kit to close the 1968 Cancer Crusade and reach our residential goal," she said.

The Society depends upon the Crusade to further its life-saving program of research, education and service to cancer patients.

If you have a kit please call the ACS volunteer whose name is on the kit. If you cannot reach her, call the American Cancer Society at 838-1501. The ACS office is located at 18356 East 4th Street, Tustin.

## Local News

-by Dan Wooldridge  
News Editor

**THE TUSTIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT** is studying the proposal of constructing a swimming pool and tennis courts at Mission Viejo High School. Board action at their July 8 meeting on use of a 5 per cent community service tax for recreational facilities is possible.

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**TRASH PICK-UP** will not be re-scheduled over the fourth of July holiday. The pick-up missed will not be made up so residents will have to hold their trash, states Sue Waltman of Toro Disposal Service.

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**MEMBERS OF THE ALISO VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION** are invited to attend the next Board of Directors meeting. The board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10 at Royal Savings and Loan in Torrocenter. Bob Arp, President of the Aliso Valley group announced, "board meetings are always open to the public."

**SANTA ANA COLLEGE** conferred Associate in Arts degrees on 310 students in ceremonies this month. Local residents receiving AA degrees were Vito Ferlauto, 24036 Genwood Pl. in El Toro and Susan Jane Rash, 24831 Spadra Lane, Mission Viejo. Congratulations to these students from the RANCHO REPORTER.

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**HIRE LOCAL YOUTHS** is the cry of the Mission Viejo Youth Employment Service. Jobs of any type are needed to keep the many youngsters wanting to work busy. Employers interested in hiring young people should contact the MV

Youth Employment Service at 830-2830 or come to MVHS administrative offices during the day.

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**THE EL TORO YOUTH ORGANIZATION** is sponsoring a dance and light show featuring SUMMER

every Saturday evening for high school and college age young people. The ETYO dance will be held at 23391 Dune Mear in El Toro from 8-12 p.m. every Saturday evening.

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**ON TUESDAY NIGHT, JULY 9th, at CORONA DEL MAR**, there will be a junior high-age beach party. Transportation is available from Olivewood School at 4:45 p.m. For more information call Mike Lawson at the YMCA at 494-9431. Youngsters will be returned to Olivewood at 10:30 p.m. Charge for the party is 75 cents.

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**THE THIRD ANNUAL** antique show and sale sponsored by the Santa Ana Chapter of Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training was held in the Orange County Medical Association Building in Orange, Thursday through Sunday, June 27-30. The show was open from 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.



Jack S. Roper resigns from Saddleback JC

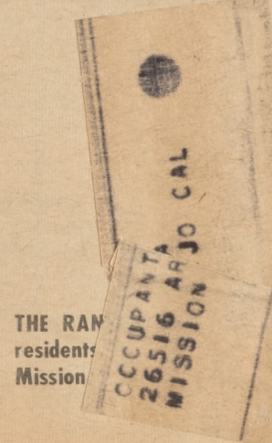
Saddleback College in September of 1967, Roper has been on a year's leave of



## Another Subscriber!

**COME ON MOM!** Vicki Hawley, center, asks her mom, Mrs. Betty Hawley, right, to be one of the first subscribers, as Vicki and fellow circulation worker Cliff Meyers start their campaign in the El Toro area for paid subscriptions to the Rancho Reporter. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO.

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## EDITORIAL:

## Saddleback's First Resignation Unfortunate

CARL VENSTROM

We were very disappointed to learn last week of the resignation of the superintendent and head administrator of the year-old Saddleback Junior College District.

Jack S. Roper has served the district well since accepting the position in September of 1967.

It appears strange to us that a 36-year-old man, when offered a three year contract at \$25,000 a year, must see fit to reject this contract and resign.

Roper's letter of resignation to the Saddleback Board was also released to the press and read in part, "... There have been many rewarding successes this last year to be sure, but certain key recommendations made by me and my staff have not found approval by the representatives of this school community — because I am deeply committed to the concept of the true community college spirit, I feel it would be in the best interests of the school district and the young students whom it serves, if I would step down as superintendent and president."

To this newspaper the term "representatives of the school community" means the board of trustees. The conflict appears to be over the spending of money and this would, indeed, be difficult to judge and evaluate.

The duties of a board of trustees is certainly one of watching the flow of cash spent. Budgets must be met, but enough money must be available for a district to build — especially a district that is being formed as quickly as the Saddleback Junior College District.

The residents of the Saddleback Junior College recently gave their support in the approval of a bond election. We now hope the board of trustees can meet the delicate balance of watching the money spent and yet provide the district and the superintendent with adequate funds for the fast expansion and growth that is going on in our area.

We hope the Saddleback JC Board will always work as a team and to never allow petty, internal bickering to exist.

We also hope the Saddleback JC Board of Trustees never will slip into a politically oriented board — like some others in Orange County and throughout the nation — that are more interested in developing a politically conservative area than in developing a school program.

We hope the board will replace Roper with another constructive, "go ahead" superintendent, so Saddleback JC can eventually become a leader in the State of California, rather than a JC that could be lagging behind the other better junior colleges in the State.

We hope to see these constructive things happening within the JC district during the coming year.

## LETTERS

### 'Thank You'

Dear Mr. Venstrom:

Rancho Community Players wish to express their thanks to you for your continued support and interest in our community theater.

Through your efforts you have helped to create cultural interest in the community which has given us the opportunity to expand and grow.

Sincerely yours,  
Judy Dettenrieder,  
Secretary.

### 'Million Thanks'

Dear Editor,

My little partner Vegas and I wish to thank the staff of the Rancho Reporter for the write-up in the paper about both of us. We both wish you every success and also let us thank you for the lovely phone calls we got and the very nice people who stopped and talked to both of us. It makes us feel just great. Thanks a million.

Tina & Vegas Swartz

### Golf Tourney

To the Editor and Readers of the Rancho Reporter:

How about taking a day off from your schedule to play a stimulating round of golf, get a chance at over \$1000 in prizes, and give a big boost to the athletic program at Saddleback College?

The Saddleback College Bench Club and Mission Viejo Golf Club are co-operating in staging the First Annual Gaucho Invitational golf tournament

on Friday, July 26. All proceeds from the full day of activities will be turned over to the Bench Club to augment its athletic program. You can take off the whole day, play in the 18-hole tournament and the putting contest and stay for dinner; you can merely come for the dinner. In any case, you'll be contributing to a most worthwhile cause.

Trophies will be awarded in all tournaments and contests. In addition, there will be a raffle and you can see your golf swing on video tape!

The \$15-minimum entry fee includes green fees, cart rental and dinner. We hope that you will see your way clear to further this great cause by becoming a Super or GIANT Gaucho, which will entitle you to special recognition and a special memento. For an additional \$15, you can join the Bench Club during its initial membership drive.

Enclosed is an entry form. Why not make up a foursome from your office, service organization, or club? Thousands of Orange Countians are being invited to this First Annual Gaucho Invitational, and only about 250 can play. Reservations must be received by July 19, so you'd better hurry to assure yourself of a great day of golf.

If you have any questions about the tournament, please call me at 837-9700.

Cordially,  
George Hartman  
Athletic Director  
Saddleback College

## Old-Timer Urges Library

By McKay Mitchell  
Columnist

We have a very fine truck well stocked with books that visits our area during the week. This "Bookmobile" is operated as a part of the Orange County Public Library which has 25 branches. The closest to this area are branches in Laguna Beach and Tustin.

We are all eligible to draw books from this bookmobile, or if they don't have the exact book, they will get it from elsewhere in the county. But it seems rather sad that since we have a population of 25,000 that we are still serviced by a mobile unit.

We have grown up enough

so that the library commission should right now make positive plans for building a library to serve our people.

It seems the system has some 150 employees now, with 38 vacancies on the staff. It may be that the Saddleback College can help fill this need with courses in library science.

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LOOK CLOSELY AT THE HORIZON and you will see some "Rocket Derby" planes in action, all a part of the recent monthly meeting of CUB SCOUT PACK 602. The action took place on a Sunday afternoon in the Marguerite O'Neill Park in Mission Viejo. Cubmaster for the pack is George Bell of Mission Viejo. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO.

## Mission Viejo Scout Pack 602 Holds Rocket Derby Race

A fast moving "Rocket Derby Race" was the highlight of the other Sunday of the monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 602 of Mission Viejo which took place in the O'Neill Park in Mission Viejo.

Winners of the Rocket

Derby Race were: first place, Bruce Rogal; second place, Dean Hansen; third place, Steve Small and fourth place went to the Banko Boy.

Other activities for the Cub Scouts included num-

erous relay races, bean bag catches, volley ball and candy races for the tiny tots attending.

The closing ceremony was conducted by Gary Greer who played taps on his trumpet.

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# Saddleback Picks First Pep Squad In College's History

By Dan Wooldridge  
"Go Gaucho's Go, Rah Saddleback!" The music of Berb Alpert and the shouts and dancing of 19

pretty young coeds disturbed the normal work day at Saddleback College.

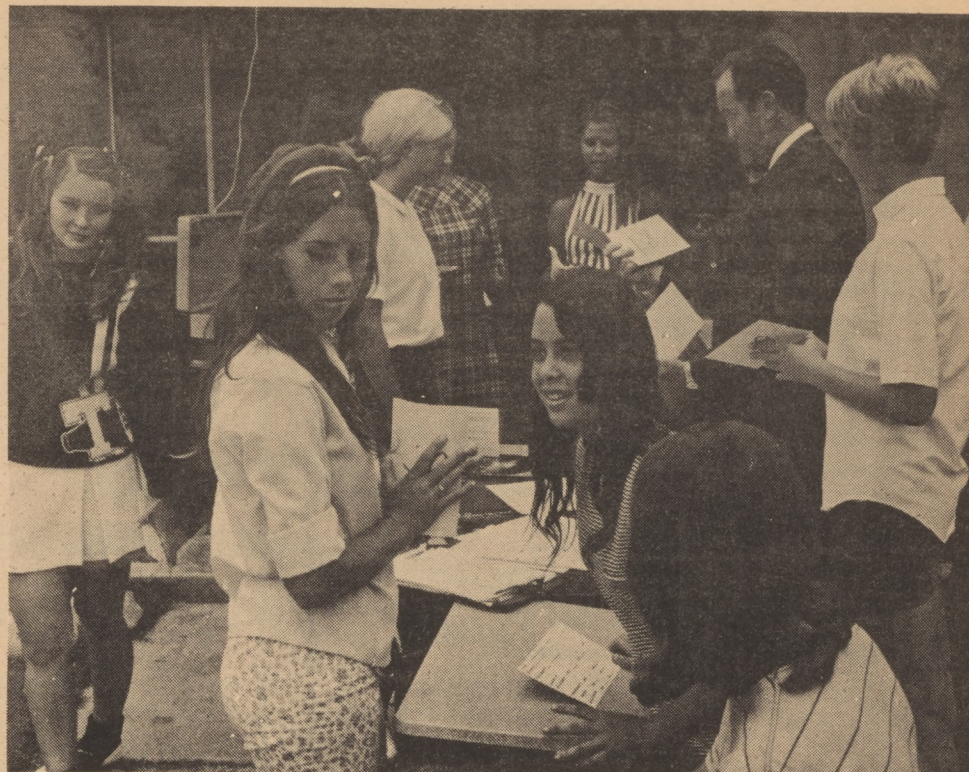
The young ladies from all parts of the giant Saddleback district appeared to try-out for cheerleader and songleader. M. Bud Weber, associate Dean of students informed over 700 prospective students and presided over the actual judging.

Chosen songleaders for the Saddleback Gaucho's were Lisa Kirkpatrick, Tustin; Carol Casaga, Santa Ana; Carol Dulak, Tustin; Marsha Britton, Tustin; Robin Schillier, San Clemente; and alternate, Terri Staffieri, Tustin.

Named cheerleaders for the 1968-69 year were Sharon Addis, Laguna Niguel; Pam Downs, Tustin; Elise Espinoza, Tustin; and Nancy Lynn Broyles, San Clemente.

Judges for the pep squad try-outs on June 25 included Division Chairman James Thorpe, Howard Marcou, William Williams, and Arlene Moore.

Saddleback will compete next year in all major sports with nine football and 28 basketball games



THE MAN IN CHARGE is M. Bud Weber, associate dean of students at Saddleback JC and potential pep squad members who bombarded him with questions. Nineteen girls participated in the Saddleback try-outs with six song leaders and four cheerleaders chosen. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO.



NERVOUS ANYONE? Saddleback College pep squad try-out participants seem calm while awaiting their turn to perform for judges. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO.

## Roper Resignation...

(Continued from Page 1) Roper, surprised the Board with his refusal to sign a new contract.

Budgetary and personnel at this time.

In a letter announcing his resignation Roper said, "It is with regret and long thought that I must decline the new three year contract offered me by you — the Saddleback College Board of Trustees. There have been many rewarding successes cut-backs were chief items of conflict, — the Board this month diverting \$100,000 from the extended day program to a reserve fund alone.

Roper and his staff recommended the hiring of a full-time Director of Personnel and a Director of Buildings and Grounds. Saddleback trustees however felt the filling of those posts pre-mature

this year to be sure, but certain key recommendations made by me and my staff have not found approval by the representatives of this school community — because I am deeply committed to the concept of the true community college spirit. I feel it would be in the best interests of the school district and the young students whom it serves, if I would step down as superintendent and president.

"To move forward rapidly to meet emerging deadlines and crises, a new district must have an administration and school board with congruent goals and philosophies — I sincerely hope that the Board will find such a man as my successor."

Roper's current contract expires on June 30, but he has expressed willingness to remain a reasonable period until a successor is found.

Speculation over Roper's successor centers around Dr. Fred Bremer, vice president of the college. Dr. Bremer, who also serves as dean of instruction, was named vice president only last month by Saddleback Trustees. Bremer, who joined SJC last fall, is currently under a two year contract at \$19,500.

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## San Joaquin Announced \$5,000,000 Bond Election

By Carl E. Venstrom  
Editor and Publisher  
San Joaquin School District has set September 17 for a \$5,000,000 bond election, the district's first since 1964.

The Board of Trustees are calling for the bonds so the District can qualify for state building funds and loan to meet the District's exploding school population. Funds from the 1964 bonds have built five schools since 1965, but San

Joaquin has increased from 1,500 students in 1965 to an expected 6,300 in 1968.

Trustees adopted a tentative budget last week for the 1968-69 school year of \$3,900,000 which included raises in teacher salaries. During the past year San Joaquin teacher scale went from \$6,125 to \$11,505, but under the new schedule teachers will earn between \$6,500 to \$12,840.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. William Stocks said this week, "these raises were necessary so San Joaquin could remain competitive with other local districts."

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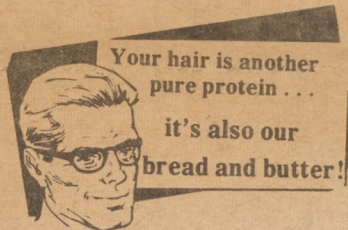
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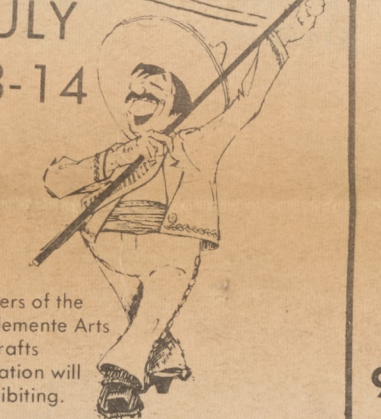
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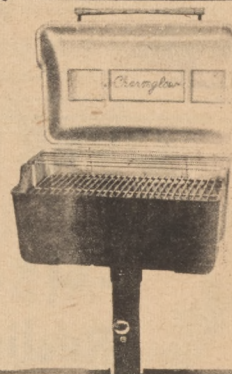
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# YMCA Summer Trip Sign-Ups Lead Last Year's

"Y" Director Roger Carter reported today that the three YMCA trips planned for August are way ahead of last year. "We have been surprised because we al-

ready have as many registered for some trips as we had total for the same trips last Summer, and August is still one month away.

"We expect a turn-away registration not only from Laguna Beach, but Mission Viejo, El Toro, San Clemente and the other South Orange County communities," said Carter. I

wouldn't be surprised if we passed the ninety mark for total registrations."

The first trip is the Junior High Co-ed to Yosemite on August 10 to August 16. The second trip is the Big Sur High School Co-ed from August 18 to August 24 and the last trip is the Yosemite Boys, from August 26 to September 1st.

The boys trip is open to

boys in grades five through eight and reason given is, "We have had quite a bit of feedback from the boys who usually go to mountain camp that indicates they want a more sophisticated trip the year after mountain camp. Usually teen trips start at twelve, but popular demand has lowered the age limit."

Interested boys or girls can call the "Y" at 494-9431 or write to YMCA, 491 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach.

Be sure to check the Mission Drive-in Theater ad in this issue of the Rancho Reporter to see if your name appears for free passes.



**GUNNERY SERGEANT ROBERT R. ACUFF**, of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, was the guest speaker last week to the Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo. Pictured to Acuff's right is Bill Wells, president of the local service club. Acuff spoke on the conflict in Vietnam and gave some personal experiences he encountered during his recent tour of duty. **RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO.**

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# Viejo Youngsters Show-Off Pet Projects



**DRESSY HAMSTER** — Debbie Young holds up her costumed pet hamster named "Little Bit" after winning the blue ribbon in the pet category. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO by Mike Wilde.



**PET SHOW AT O'NEIL SCHOOL** — Youngsters in Mission Viejo show-off their medium sized dogs from left to right, Mike Almquist, holding dog Danny, Janet Prater, Paulette Tulleners, Kathy Lumsden, Rachelle Lums-

den, Roger Huffman, Renee Huffman, Todd Sweetland, David Barnerd, Kathy Barnerd, Cindy Hebets, and Eileen Hebets. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO By Mike Wilde.



**← EVERYTHING ELSE!** — Jeff Canganio with his horn toad "Hornie," J. J. White with his chameleon "Puff," Rod Smithson with his snake "George," and Mark Minier with his rat "Davey Crockett" await judging at the Mission Viejo Company sponsored pet show. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO By Mike Wilde.



**→ A "PLAYFUL" TURTLE** — Todd Sweetland won the blue ribbon for having the most "playful" turtle in the turtle category at last week's Pet Show at O'Neil School in Mission Viejo. RANCHO REPORTER PHOTO BY Mike Wilde.

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